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Potato Acreage
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NORTH DAKOTA POTATO ACREAGE UNCHANGED

North Dakota

North Dakota potato planted acreage is estimated at 118,000 acres in 2003, unchanged from both last year and 2001, according to the North Dakota Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage expected for harvest is 110,000, up 8 percent from last year.

Russets accounted for 45 percent of the total acreage, up from 44 percent last year. Whites decreased to 33 percent of the total compared to 40 percent in 2002. Reds accounted for 22 percent of the total, up from 16 percent last year.

United States

Area planted to fall potatoes this year is estimated at 1.11 million acres, down 3 percent from last year but 2 percent above two years ago. Harvest is forecast from 1.09 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago but 2 percent above 2001.

Russets accounted for 70 percent of the 11 major States total acreage, unchanged from last year. Whites decreased to 23 percent of the total compared to 24 percent last year. Reds accounted for 7 percent of the total acres, up from 6 percent last year.

FALL POTATO ACRES PLANTED

STATE	ACRES PLANTED		PLANTED BY TYPE ^{1/}					
	2002	2003	Red		White		Russet	
			2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-- 1,000 --		-- Percent --					
North Dakota	118.0	118.0	16	22	40	33	44	45
Colorado	71.6	66.3	4	5	12	12	84	83
Idaho	375.0	360.0	1	2	4	3	95	95
Maine	64.0	66.0	4	4	59	57	37	39
Michigan	46.5	47.0	3	4	85	83	12	13
Minnesota	61.0	61.0	29	28	11	11	60	61
New York	22.5	22.2	---	---	100	100	---	---
Oregon	50.0	42.8	1	2	30	26	69	72
Pennsylvania	15.0	14.5	---	---	100	100	---	---
Washington	170.0	165.0	4	6	11	9	85	85
Wisconsin	85.0	84.0	11	10	33	38	56	52
Total - 11 Major States			6	7	24	23	70	70
Total Fall States	1,144.2	1,114.4	---	---	---	---	---	---

^{1/} Predominant type shown may include small portion of other type(s) constituting less than 1 percent of State's total.

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